

Ministerial Association Notice

The annual dues of twenty-five cents in the National Ministerial Association of the Brethren church are now due. Will each member please forward the amount due to the secretary. Remit early and avoid the rush.

R. R. TRETER.

Milledgeville, Ill.

Johnstown, Pa.

As referred to by Brother Haskins, Children's Day, June 23, has again had its place in the work of the church. Amid beautiful decorations and the fragrance of roses, with the added designs of thoughtful minds, did the girls and boys perform well their parts, much to the credit of our officers, who so faithfully prepared them for the occasion. The seed thus sown must surely produce a bountiful harvest in the years to come. The morning having been given exclusively to the children, in the evening we listened to a final sermon by our pastor, before going upon his vacation. Previous to the discourse an affecting scene was enacted by sisters Margaret Trent, and Rhoda Crofford, entitled, "Rock of Ages," as was also reproduction a recitation, "The Bible," by a number of bright young girls. May they ever cling to its teachings, as they clung to the sacred volume as they waved it to and fro before the audience.

When the pastor is granted leave of absence by some of our other churches, the doors are closed until his return, but thru the earnestness of some of our faithful flock, every appointment was filled during his absence. June 30, elder Benj. Gouhnour preached to us in the morning, and elder R. R. Replogle in the evening. July 7, elder W. A. Adams came to us with a message of truth, while in the evening we listened to a young man preparing for the Lutheran ministry. July 14, regular morning services were conducted, and in the evening Brother Burnworth, pastor of the Rosedale church delivered an able sermon. Elder Daniel Crofford was scheduled for this appointment, upon the subject of dancing, but was called to Warrior's Mark on account of the severe illness and death of Sister Krider. We hope to hear from our brother at another time upon this important theme.

We are sorry to note that brother S. J. Giffin has resigned his position as assistant superintendent in our Sunday-school with the purpose of locating in Pittsburg. He and wife have our best wishes for their future success and happiness.

We next chronicle the return of our pastor, and July 21, finds him in good shape once more before his people, in the pulpit ready to renew his work and inspire them with continued zeal for the Master. The absence of his wife and children will continue for some time, when we again expect to have them with us to aid in the cause.

At the official meeting on Tuesday evening, the committee appointed to look up the prospective work at Marrellville, reported twenty-eight names as members, most of whom would become willing workers if they only had a church home. Thus another added responsibility has come upon the Johnstown church, and we trust the Lord will provide the means for the needed help.

W. A. CROFFORD.

To the Pastors of Our Churches

1 Have you received as many statistical blanks as you have churches under your care? If not a postal card sent me will cause the number you need to be sent you at once.

2 Have you filled out and sent in your report? The year ended with June and by serving four churches time has been in July to be with each church and obtain the necessary data. If you have not time can not you refer the matter to the secretary or deacons? They will gladly do it.

3 Some churches may be without pastors. Surely the secretary will send for a blank or some

one devoted to the cause will take up the matter and have enough pride in the local church to see that your church is reported.

4 Ye preachers of the Brethren whose names are listed in our church *Annual*, what have you done with the blanks sent you? It is your duty to fill them out or see that some one in each church does, and return them at once. If you are not preaching it is your business to see that the proper officials of the local church get them.

5 Brother Knepper was telling at our last conference of the punctuality of the Pennsylvania people. But if the way the reports are coming in is a criterion they will stand about fourth or fifth in list of conference districts. I have only reports from Meyersdale, Summit Mills and Allentown, Pa., and from a few districts none.

Now Brethren, everywhere, rise up and do your duty in this matter.

WM. H. MILLER.

No. Manchester, Ind.

Garwin, Ia.

As you have not heard from this place for some time I thought I would write. We are getting along as well as could be expected. It has been very dry and hot. Corn is badly injured, but we have a half crop of small grain, and good hay crop, so we are all right.

Our congregations hold up very good, yet it is very warm—as high as 108 degrees. Wife and I and four or five of our brethren and sisters went down to Brooklyn to their love feast. We had a splendid meeting. About 25 communed. There I met Brother Myers and two daughters. Brother Shellenbarger of our place preaches for Brooklyn every two weeks and once in a while I go down, so the spark is kept alive.

I learned that Brother Talley passed thru Brooklyn the 7th. Do not know whether he preached or not. I expect to go to Oklahoma in a few days to hold a meeting in that new field. We expect to hold a protracted meeting commencing August 25, lasting two weeks. Our communion will be held Sept. 7. Brethren and sisters of the adjoining congregations are cordially invited, especially the ministers.

FETTER HALL.

Congress, Ohio

As we have nothing to report from Fairhaven that would be of interest to the readers of the EVANGELIST, and as we are not inclined to enjoy too much silence we will offer a few thoughts and possibly a little criticism on EVANGELIST No. 28, July 18, 1901.

1 Brother Gnagey surprised us not a little by the announcement that he was going to be absent from the office for a space of six weeks. What does this mean? Attending about all of the conferences of the church, and now a trip of six weeks, then of course the National Conference at Winona, and then maybe the Pan American Exposition. If this thing keeps up I am afraid we will soon have no Gnagey at all at Ashland. Well from the way so many of the patrons of the paper seem to act, in not paying their dues it would be no wonder if he were discouraged and quit entirely. I am not a pastor so I am not called upon to furnish a sermon. I will put my share in by way of observations. I regard the editorial on first page on "The Confusion of Theology" a very able and sensible article, it will pay to give it a second reading.

2 Brother Rench on "Church Work" which he had better call church government, is in my opinion just about the right thing. But if we all agree to this as we ought, let us quit finding fault with the methods of the G. B's., for this is precisely their way of doing. Well, maybe we will get together after a few more years and after the leaders in the division, such as Enoch Eby, John Wise, H. R.

Holsinger and P. J. Brown are dead, gone and forgotten, the generation then living may get together and see the folly of their fathers and say, "In truth we are brethren."

3 Brother Cassel's sermon which the editor styles as a rather 'unique interpretation of some of the parables' is worth a year's subscription to the paper.

Thank God, there are yet men among us who are not afraid to speak out against false teaching and abominable innovations. I believe his interpretations are correct, and being unique does not hurt anything if it is right. From the silence that prevailed in our ranks, I had almost concluded I was the only one whose sense of propriety was shocked at the awful monstrosity, the parliament of religion at Chicago—and what made it so utterly humiliating to me was the fact that it had the seal and sanction of a number of our own brethren. Hope such an oversight will never occur again. But to my dear Brother Cassel I will yet say, Stick to it Jacob, hit the old serpent on the head whenever it attempts to rise and pervert the true ways of the Lord.

4 Brother Moomaw's "Future Wars", is readable. His criticisms of the idea of humanity in war are good. General Sherman hit the nail on the head in his argument to the Mayor of Atlanta who plead for humanity toward the inhabitants of the doomed city, "I would have you understand" said the invincible invader that "War is Cruelty," and it is said "the fiercer the struggle the sooner it will be over."

But I find some objection to Brother Moomaw's article. I think there is too much irony. Brother Ben, you say a little too much that you do not believe and do not expect us to believe. Whether this style of writing is edifying to the sober-minded reader is a little questionable. I hope you will pardon me for my candid opinion candidly expressed.

Now Brother Editor, I will not intrude upon your space and the reader's patience any further; there are many good things in this number of the paper but we will not attempt to notice them.

P. J. BROWN.

Lanark, Ill.

Some time ago I made a call for funds for the Illiokota District work. I saw in EVANGELIST in Brother Cassel's report that Auburn, Ill., has sent in a small amount for the Illiokota District. I believe that is all that has been done. Brethren and sisters, if we want to perpetuate our existence and pay our obligations we must send in some funds. Again I earnestly ask all pastors and places where there are none to take a special collection and send the same to D. S. Lichty, Lanark, Ill. Do not send Illiokota money to Brother Cassel. I can not see how he got a hold of the amount he reported last week unless thru a mistake. The Auburn collection is credited as coming from the Illiokota District and was intended for Chicago Mission. Individual members can send their offerings to the treasurer, Brother Lichty. Brethren, can I depend upon you this time?

Z. T. LIVENGOOD.

Hills Dale, Wis.

Brother Z. T. Livengood of Lanark, Ill., came among us and commenced meetings on the evening of 17, continued the meetings over Sunday tho the mercury was at times 104. Notwithstanding there were large crowds and good interest manifested. With Miss Lemler as organist we had fine music and some of the best of singing. We know of no reason why there could not be a Brethren church here at this place. Brother Livengood left for home this morning. May success crown his labors is our prayer.

MRS. B. F. WILLIAMS.